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And Congressmen to  
Repeal T-H Law

## Creation of New World Labor Federation Voted by Delegates of Free Trade Unions

Geneva—Representatives of more than 42,000 workers covered by the world's antislavery trade unions agreed here to press for the formation of a new international labor federation to fight communism and to advance the cause of free labor in all nations.

At its inception this decision, the 127 delegates to the World Labor Federation congress were expected to adopt a 14-member committee to start work immediately on the constitution for the holding of a constituent assembly in New York.

Irving Brown, the AFL's European representative, was named secretary of the new organization.

An outstanding feature of the assembly was the presence of the world's antislavery trade unions, including the British Trade Union Congress, the American Federation of Labor, and the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

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## AFL to Start Radio Series; First Program Set For July 5

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## Senate Approves Injunctions, Seizure Powers, in Big Strikes

Truman Housing Bill Weathers Storm;  
Substitute Measures Defeated in House

Washington—Efforts to cripple the Truman housing bill by attaching to it a bill to repeal the Taft-Hartley law were defeated in the Senate.

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## Taft Wins 50-40 Vote; Move for Seizure Only Defeated 66-34

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## Speak Your Minds, Boys, The NAM's a Listening!

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## BLS Sees Building Employment Peak; Industry May Hit \$19 Billion Volume

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## REA Loans Mean Power For 15,000 New Users

Washington—Leases approved by the Federal Electric Administration (FEA) will provide power for 15,000 new users.

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## AFL Transit Workers' Unit in Toronto Hails Strides Made in 50-Year History

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## Skills Learned in Apprentice Training Big Factor in Lowering Building Costs

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## PAMPHLETS DESCRIBE VETS' RIGHTS IN PLAN LAY-OFFS

Washington—Security and other rights which veterans of World War I have under the Veterans' Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, are described in a new pamphlet.

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## AFL Auto Workers Local SIGNS UP MORE PLANTS

Chicago—The organizational campaign of the American Federation of Labor (AFL) Auto Workers Local 1500 has resulted in the signing of more plants.

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